(c) the reasons for not providing clean and safe lockers to the customers and how such damaged and rusted lockers are kept there;

(d) whether necessary instructions have been issued to all the regularised and other banks to keep proper lockers for the safety of documents and materials;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) The Central Bank of India has stated that no such incident has been reported from its branch at Patna. The bank has also reported that clean and safe lockers are provided to the customers and pest control treatment is given every month.

(d) to (f) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) *vide* their circular dated April 17, 2007 have issued guidelines to banks on Safe Deposit Lockers/Safe Custody Articles, stipulating that the banks should exercise due care and necessary precaution for the protection of the lockers provided to the customer and banks should review the system in force for operation of safe deposits vaults/locker at their branches in an on-going basis and take necessary steps. The security procedure should be well documented and the concerned staff should be properly trained in the procedure. It has also been laid down that the internal auditors should ensure that the procedures are strictly adhered to.

Raids Conducted by Income -Tax Department

†3764. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of raids conducted by the Income-Tax Department during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of persons prosecuted and the number of persons convicted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The State-wise details of the total number of groups in case of which raids were conducted by the Income Tax Department during the Financial Years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Prosecutions in 12 cases have been launched in this regard and there have been no convictions since these cases are still pending before the courts.

State-wise number of raids conducted by the IT department during last three years

State	No. of raids conducted		
	F.Y. 2005-06	F.Y. 2006-07	F.Y. 2007-08
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	64	42	53
Assam	6	9	6
Bihar	5	6	7
Chandigarh	3	5	3

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
Chhattisgarh	2	5	7
Delhi	60	41	29
Goa	2	2	2
Gujarat	43	50	19
Haryana	7	15	12
Himachal Pradesh	1	0	2
Jammu & Kashmir	2	2	3
Jharkhand	3	4	5
Karnataka	23	35	34
Kerala	20	27	25
Madhya Pradesh	13	18	25
Meghalaya	1	0	0
Maharashtra	111	135	109
Orissa	8	5	8
Pondicherry	0	2	0
Punjab	16	23	20
Rajasthan	32	19	24
Tamil Nadu	104	56	38
Uttar Pradesh	29	12	2
Uttarakhand	0	0	0
West Bengal	23	19	21
TOTAL	578	532	454

Impact of Sixth Pay Commission's Report on States Finances

3765. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sixth Pay Commission has made its recommendation;

(b) if so, whether Government has assessed its impact on State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) what help will be rendered to states whose finances are not in a position to take on the additional burden on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission are under examination of the Government.

Repercussions of Sixth Pay Commission's Recommendations

3766. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission will cost Government's exchequer a sum of Rs. 12,500 crore during the current financial year;